## FOR HOLIDAY ATTIRE.

All Colors of the Rainbow Enter into Fashions.

## **NEW COMBINATIONS IN DRESS**

Varied Elegancies Are Now Developed with Effect and Success.

Costumes for Mouse Parties that Are Useful to a Variety of Ways-The Bodice Continues to Be to Payor that is Made of Different Color from the Mkirt-Hints for Evening Dress. The Ball Gown Skirt Just Touches the Floor - The Latest mings - A Stauning Colfure.

In this festive holiday season, when gayety of every description is at high tide and variety in man, the weird fancies and varied elegancies of would seem that all the colors of the rainboy



variations, and formed into new and hereto fore unknown combinations for the glori-fication of holiday attire. Besides the numerous social functions in the city. house parties have become an established attraction which the fortunate possessor of a fine country home offers to her friends, and for these every kind of dress is required. However, these gowns, which must be fresh and made especially for this sort of entertainment, are quite as appropriate for less pretentious oc-, and the woman who must help to fash-



her own gowns may glean a few ideas from the more elaborate dress.

Despite fashion's reputation for erratic ways and rapidly changing moods she is still faithful to the style of bodice which is made of a different material and color from those for those to whom a fancy waist is a necessity skirt, to know that the latest evening dresses from Félix are made with waists entirely differ



ant from the skirt. One style of a low bodies made to wear with any kind of a skirt with which it will harmonize, is of pink satin covared with peach-colored chiffon, full and overhanging directly in front, and trimmed at the neck with crossed folds of mauve, white, and pink chiffon, with mauve rosettes interspersed The incongruous combination of fur, flowers, velvet, and gausy chiffon in one evening gown is not unusual, and it is very effective when ar-

Artificial flowers in some bright color are one of



worn by young ladies, and are arranged high on the left side of the bodice. Another more practical feature, which is sure to be appreciated by thomes at the Christmas ball, is the length of the

skirts, which are made just long enough to touch the floor. Some of the most charming bodices are made of the justicus miroir velvet in pale shades which are equally effective with a black or white skirt, but the daintiest waists are of



chiffon, variously trimmed with flowers, span-

gles, or lace, An imported dress of antique black brocaded satin has a bodice of pink miroir velvet, edged at the neck with fur, and over the brocaded sleeves are capes of velvet, trimmed with the fur. In pretty contrast is another gown of pale blue silk muslin, with a narrow vest front of white satin, studded with gold, pale yellow ribbon tied around the waist, and a bertha of Venitian point, outlined with gold, around the shoul-ders. Embroidered silks are much used for dressy gowns, and, like the cloth and chiffon, are made up over plain silk in a contrasting color. It can be used for the waist alone, for the skirt and sleeves, or the bodice and sleeves, just as fancy dictates. Félix dresses of plain heavy silk are sometimes trimmed up the seams of the skirt with embroidery, jet, or chenille galon. The handsome dinner gown flustrated shows the use of two kinds of silk in the skirt, which is composed of opalescent satin



shot with pink in front, while the back and sides are made of pearl colored satin brocaded with roses and leaves in pale colors. The front is draped with cream lace, caught up on the side with a bow of the brocade. The brocaded bodice is trimmed with bows and folds of lime green velvet, and soft drapery of lace over the shoulders. Another gown, pretty for dinner or full evening dress, shows one of the latest eccentricities of the overwrought sleeve, and is made of pink creps de chine over pink slik. At the sides and back of the skirt the material is arranged in wide plaits which are drawn together under a bow of pink mousseline de sole. The bodice, of white satin embroidered with pink, is cut square at the neck, back, and front, and trimmed with bre-telles of black satin ribbon. The sleeves are of black silk muslin plaited flat over the shoul ders, where they are trimmed with a band of the embroidery to match the bodice, and below this they fall in three frills to the elbow. A pretty model for an evening waist can b



carried out in silk, satin, or chiffon of any color desired, with white lisse embroidered in black for the zonave effect, and satin ribbon for the ner dress is made of turquoise blue velvet, with black satin sleeves to match the skirt. The trimming which defines the yoke is a deep pointed band of jet, and from this depend long strands of chenille caught into a belt of let This is an especially pretty and serviceable waist, which may do duty for the theatre and afternoon dress, and can



combined with a black wool skirt and sleeve An effective bodice for a black and white striped silk skirt, which so many women posored guipure, and black velvet. The full mus-lin is confined at the waist by a wide corselet of jetted black velvet. The neck trimming and shoulder caps are of guipure lace, and the frilis rhich form the sleeves are of black velvet, lined with yellow satin.

Evening gowns are not the only dresses in demand for the house party outfit, for there must be day gowns, both dressy and plain, and the inevitable tailor-made dress, which, like the brook, seems likely to go on forever. It may vary in cut and decoration, but it is always the dress for real service. A new model for a cloth gown is copied in brown cloth, showing a novel skirt trimming, which is of green velvet,

arranged in plaits down each side of the front width and outlined with a jetted trimming. The blouse bodies of green velvet has a yoke of the cloth, with pointed jet across the back and front, and a jet-trimmed collar, with a narrow ruche of velvet at the top. A pretty bodies, for informal dinners and card parties, is made of black velvet, cut plain in the back with one seam in the muidle and square in front. White chiffon, accordeon plaited, forms the wide vest over white satin, which is not out in the neck above the jet band, which also trims the collar, sleeves, and belt. A frill of guipure lace falls over the sleeves and is caught up at each side of the bust with a rosette of satin ribbon. Another effective bodice is made of white moiré, with a yoke and side pieces of black satin covered with jet passementerie very open in pattern. The and the collar of white silk muslin.

Applique trimmings of satin or velvet, in leaf pattern and various conventional designs, are more and more in evidence, and a good illustra-tion of this is shown in a cloth gown, which also displays the plaits over the hips. The dress is in one of the pink heliotrope shades, and the applique, which ornaments the bottom of the skirt, each side of the front of the draped bodice, and the sleeves, is in velvet of a darker shade, outlined with gold and silk cord. A pretty afternoon dress of black satin is made with folds of red velvet inserted in the panelled skirt. The waist is close fitting in the back, with a pointed red velvet voke like the front, edged with sable. The vest is of velvet, and



the blouse sides are of narrow white satin ribbo covered with black lace insertion, and sewed together. In tailor gowns the old coat and skir style so universally worn during the summer and fall has given way somewhat to shore jackets and close fitting round waists trimmed with braiding, velvet, fur, or contrasting bands of cloth. The skirts are very full with heavy fluted folds in the back. Fur edges the large velvet collars on tweed dresses, and also forms the blouse to be worn with a cloth jacket. Plain cloth is used for the bodice of checked tweed skirts and sleeves, and when heavily braided it forms revers and braces to an otherwise plain gown. The jacket waist illustrated is a part of a brown serge gown with a perfectly plain skirt. The vest is of white cloth, braided with black, and the jacket, which is trimmed



hussar fashion with flat black braid, is caught with one button over the bust. A soft silk blouse may be substituted for the close vest. The sec and waist is of gray cloth trimmed with white cloth bands and mother-of-pearl buttons. The sleeves have pointed caps to give the sloping effect to the shoulders. A dressy sleeve in this style for a white satin gown has a round cap over the shoulders, covered with silver spangled pearl trimming and full puffs f satin below. The butterfly sleeve, so pretty for evening dresses, can be easily made with two full double ruffles of chiffon caught up on the shoulder. One of the decided manifestations of fashion is shown in this tendency of the n so that the fullest part near the elbow. One way to accomplish this is by the use of inch-wide bands of fur, velvet, or jet beginning at the shoulder and extending down on the sleeve half way to the elbow, or



the ton confining the fulness, and graduated a that the longest one is on the inside seam. The latest coiffure for pretty young wome with lots of fluffy hair is arranged quite low at the back and waved over the ears; but the Greek style, with a few soft, curling locks around the face and a knot just below the crown of the head is more generally worn, and is vastly more becoming to the generality of women

FREAKS AND FRILLS OF FASHION.

That fad of fashion to adorn the neck with all sorts and conditions of ruches and nameles contrivances of lace, fur, beads, and velvet has developed possibilities never dreamed of when the modest little draped neck band first made its appearance. Nothing in dress, unless it be the hat, can admit of greater variety in shape or exceed this dainty trifle in pressing every avail able material into use. Any attempt at deness of detail is concerned, but one look at the display in the stores convinces you that with a bit of satin, an abundance of lace and a few spangles you can do wonders toward transforming a few plain gowns into as many dressy ones. Make a yoke of five bias double folds of satin lapped a little over each other so they will look about an inch wide, trim it around the edge with lace four or five inches wide, gathered full, and finish it with a folded satin collar or one of the lace, with full resettes at the side, and you can have a theatre and morning gown all in one. The satin may be of any color you choose. It hooks in the back and one or two pine will hold it in place. Another pretty confection easily made has a

Another pretty confection easily made has a foundation of five or seven vandyke points of guipure. Around these wide soft lace is gathered. The upper edge of the guipure forms the collar, with the addition of bright velvet satin folds or draped chiffon with rosettes at the side. A few jet beads studded over the guipure makes it more dressy.

Full ruches of chiffon have wide, full ends of lace hanging directly down in front like a bih. Black point despit net, striped with narrow spangled jet and gathered into a round yoke, linished with a full bertha of wide edging to

leavening strength. Statements by other manufacturers to the contrary have been declared by the official authorities falsifications of the official reports.

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waist lengths, too, Z.'s was where alle ought to go, of course. There was no use in buying anything inferior that would have so much wear on it as a waist.

Passing out of the store, really proud of herself for working methodically and concentrating her mind on Neille's present, instead of loitering to look at the pretty things, Mrs. Fred read a legend that made her stand still and ponder: "Damaged handkerchiefs, all linen, hand embroidered, sold at a sacrifice." She must have a look at them. Why not get some for the children, and for Katie, the servant, Mrs. Tyrrell, the laundress, would do them up beautifully, and she would get some warm gloves for Mrs. Tyrrell, some that would fit her loosely and comfortably. This was just as good a store to buy such things at as any. She advanced as near the handkerchief counter as she could, and waited for some of the women who were digging over the end-less pile of lawn squares to make their selection and move. The same pushing and crowding that attended her experience at the cap counter was repeated, but Mrs. Fred carefully kept out of the way of women tailer than herself, for sheddidn't want to invest in another veil or have her vanity hurt by being seen in the pilight she was before. Fate finally permitted her to put the vaunted handkerchiefs to the test of touch and close inspection. The linen proved to be cotton and the relative price not sufficient compensation for buying soiled goods. Somehow she changed her mind about getting Katle handkerchiefs or Mrs. Tyrreli gloves. Maybe Katle would like a print dress better, and, now she came to think of it, why not get a book for Cousin Alice? A devotional book; one of the kind with a little text and a verse for each day, bound in white and gold? She would like that; or an umbrella? Why wouldn't a mumbrella, a real nice one, do for her? she did so much church visiting in all sorts of weather; and then Mother Adams could have the devotional book. And why wouldn't a book of adventure do for Tommy? Sea tales, or life in India,

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rior to all others in purity and.

A CONTROL OF THE CONT match, and a soft collar trimmed with jet and flaring bows at the side, is a pretty fancy to transform a low-cut black satin bodice into a high-neck gown.

woman, she made a pilgrimage to the small-wares department for pins to adjust the ruffling and to the veiling department for a new veil and quietly continued her shooping.

A counter full of bright glistening silk sug-A counter full of bright glistening silk suggested to her that an evening waist of silk or chiffon would be a good present for Nellie, for while contemplating the seams in her neighbors' backs as she waited to enlist in the cap crusade, she had decided to get something more original than bisque figures for the Henta. The quality of the gay colored remnants which had first inspired the idea proved to be inferior, and she remembered that some one had remarked what a lovely line of silks Z. had at fifty cents, all in waist lengths, too, Z.'s was where she ought to go, of course. There was no use in buying anything inferior that would have so much wear on it as a waist. A heavy cord fully an inch and a haif around, and covered with velvet of a contrasting color or to match the dress, is set into the bottom of skirts to keep the fullness out in the pocket folds so much desired.

Moiré ellk petticoats lined with horsehnir are another invention for keeping the dress skirts well spread at the bottom.

One of the latest shapes in hats is called the "marquis." It is round in form, and the brim turns up in such a way that it "resembles a big round tart." The trimming consists of large bows of velvet in satim ribbon and plenty of black algreties. Fantastic birds, never yet discovered by the most expert bird hunter, are a feature of French millinery. They are combinations of owls' heads with jewelled eyes, paradise algreties standing high on either side, and wide-spreading wings from another of the feathered tribe. Parrots' heads are treated in the same manner, and the effect is very charming from a Parisian point of view. A pretty evening hat is made of four small jet fans standing upright on a skeleton jet frame, and between these are rosettes of black tulle with two stars of rhine stones in front.

Some of the prettiest opera dresses are made with a bodice of white slik gauze over pale colored slik, and a skirt of a darker shade in falle or moiré. The full sleeves of gauze are draped up to show the arm and held in place by a band of ribbon or fur.

A WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR CHRIST-MAS GIFTS.

Experiences in the Shops and at the Bar-gain Counters that Make Her Glad that the Reliday Comes Only Once a Year, A little woman, fresh, trim, and becomingly fressed, left the elevated railroad at Fourteenth street and set out for a morning's shopping. the word stern in the sense of steadfast. Mrs. and that was one reason why Mr. Fred Adams was so fond of her and had given her as much of his earnings as he could afford to lavish on Christmas gifts. They both regretted that the sum was not larger, more in proportion to the number of presents it must procure, but Mrs. Fred felt quite equal to the task of investing it judiciously; indeed, was rather inspirited than depressed by the undertaking before her. She gloried in shopping! To be able to make a little money go a long way imparted such satisfac-tion, she thought. Anybody could get nice things if they had a plenty to buy with, but it took genius, positive genius, to discover bar-gains and see to it that one was not imposed on. "I saw the loveliest slippers at X's-that is,

for anybody who can wear patent leather," a young lady had said to her a few evenings before, and she had so dilated on the beauties of these slippers that the Christmas shopper directed her steps to X's, thinking a pair would be a good present for Nellie, her sixteen-yearold daughter. There were a good many names on Mrs. Fred's list, but Nellie and Tommy, the two oldest of the Adams children, were uppermost in her mind.

There was a perfect crush at X's. The benches were lined with shoppers with their feet extended for fits. Contriving to detain a clerk for a second as he was returning with another size to the woman he was waiting on, Mrs. Fred ascertained that the price of the slippers was \$4. of the number it would have to be divided by to make it go round, and decided to relinquish the idea of slippers, though the little Cinderellalike affairs with their dainty French heels, were a great temptation. A manicure set might do instead, she thought, and directed her steps to a certain large establishment where she would be likely to do well in that line; but this gift, too, proved to be out of her reach.

Well! while she was in among the pretty

things she would select accepthing for the Bents, and have them off her mind, at any rate. The Bents and the Adamses had made their bridal trip together years before, and had exchanged Christmas presents ever since. The Bents were now far better off in worldly goods, and for that very reason Mrs. Fred was anxious to make them a particularly nice present, presumably bearing in mind the Scriptural saying regarding such matters. Those bisque figures were pretty them at her friend's. She had carefully inspected the assortment of dancing girls, piping shepherds, fauns, flower girls, hunters, druids, and the like, when she suddenly remembered that at Y.'s, two blocks away, she might be able to procure the same article for less money; so away she tore to Y.'s. A placard announcing bargains in boys' caps arrested her attention as she was going to the elevator. Here was a good chance to get a cap for little Fred. She paused on the outer edge of the throng of eager shoppers, anxious to procure caps for their own little Freds, or Franks, or Joes, and waited her little Freds, or Franks, or Joss, and waited her chance to alip within the charmed circle when one of the lucky purchasers should withdraw. Other women, also appreciative of bargains, came up and stood behind her. Those immediately in front were of large stature, and for a while Mrs. Fred had nothing in view but the seams up the backs of their coats. Finally she managed to squeeze in between two stout women who had selected caps and were waiting for their change. Planting herself in front of the counter, she pulled over the caps within reach in search of little Fred's size. Then she asked the saleswoman hearest her if that size was in stock.

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"In a few minutes," the girl answered, struggling to serve two customers at once and count the change for a third.

There was nothing for it but to wait. In reaching over to get hold of a cap a tall woman standing behind gave Mrs. Fred's hat a nudge that nearly pulled her hair down, besides jabbing the sharp hatpin into her head. She looked around, much annoyed, but the tall woman was oblivious of her grisvance, and that second's inattention lost her the chance of being waited on. She straightened her hat as best she could, recollecting dismaily that she had on false bangs at that particular time, and that they were more than apt to be all awry. If she ever got out of that crowd she would go to the dressing room and fix them. After three or four more women taller than herself had reached over. involuntarily punching her hat, than which there can be nothing more exasperating, she finally managed to secure a saleswoman's attention, and learned that the last cap of the size she wanted had just been sold.

Pushing her way through the throng behind her, after some daisy in getting into the elevator, she reached the dressing room, where after an interval she had a chance of viewing herself in a mirror. She looked decidedly the worse for wear. Her bangs were all on one side and there was a mortifying rent in her veil just in front of her left eye. Pressed for time as she was, she had to take off her gloves and fix that veil.

"Excuse me, but your dress is torn," announced a voice behind her, as he was trying to arrange the square of net so as to concess the damage. Thanking her informer and stooping to investigate, she found that about a quarter of a yard of flouncing had been ripped off the foundation of lar skirt. Had Mrs. Fred been of the ruder see she might just then have uttered an imprecation more supplacing the hales of the

OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PAR BASTERN WAR.

What Are We Bolug as Between China and Japan !- The Alleged Entente Between Russia and Great Britain-The Attitude of Staty Toward Russia and the Triple Alliance - The Financial Combinations Underlying the Sentimental Views of the London Press Touching the New Canand His Policy-What American Interests Require in Our Foreign Relations,

RIVIERA DI PONENTE, Dec. 3.-We are looking forward here with much interest to the reports which the French and English journal may bring us during the next two or three days of the message which President Cleveland is to-day to submit to the moribund Congress of 1892 at the opening of this, its last, and indeed, to all intents and purposes, post-morten session.

And this not so much because any recommendations for the future or explanations of the past touching American domestic politics which the President may make are likely to have any effect on human affairs in general, as because circumstances have clothed the possible course of the American Government in regard to the war between China and Japan with serious imfor the Asiatic powers, but for European interests and European diplomacy. The diplomatic conundrum of the moment is

the question whether the American Government is acting "off its own bat" and from motives either of international philanthropy or of sensible and single-minded regard to American inter ests in the far East, in the part which the Amercan Ministers at Pekin and Tokio are now playing: or whether it is consciously or unconscious ly engaged in the magnanimous but not very remunerative business of pulling British chestnuts out of the far Eastern fire! I am sorry to say that some of my English Radical corre-spondents betray a very strong disposition to suspect their own Foreign Office of using its re-lations with the Government at Washington to bring about, if possible, such a situation between the victorious Government of Tokio and the vanquished Government at Pekin as may affora pretext, if not a justification, for something not easily distinguishable from an Anglo Continental intervention to prevent Japan from carrying out the results of her victories to their legitimate consequences.

One Government at least in Europe, has been tolerably explicit as to its intention not to allow Great Britain to carry matters with a high hand in the far East. This, of course, is the Govern ment at Berlin. The analogy between the posi-tion to which China has been driven by the victories of Japan and the position into which France a quarter of a century ago was driven by the victories of Germany, is so striking and so close that no European Government has ven-tured openly to dwell upon it, and indeed the European press in general has been un-usually discreet on the subject. China may or may not be on the point of breaking up under the stress of her military and naval defeats, but it is quite certain that under the stress of the German triumphs in 1870-71 France went practically to pieces. The Government was upset by an extemporized revolution in Paris: the work of defending the nation fell into the incompetent hands of political adventurers, who constituted themselve the arbiters of the national fate. Paris became the prey of a Socialist in-surrection, chiefly organized by irresponsible foreigners, and was rescued from destruction only by a civil war, conducted at the close with a remorseless ferocity which cannot be excused n the eyes of history save by the abominable brutality of the Commune it suppressed. It is impossible for Germans either to forget all this, or to allow the other powers of Europe to forget it, when Germany is asked to unite with other powers in imposing upon Japan such a foreign intervention between her and China, as mos assuredly Germany never would have tolerated in 1870-71. The appeals of the Chinese Gov. ernment to foreign powers have not yet taken any such overt and authentic shape as the ex-traordinary mission in which Thiers travelled

this was a good place to get it.

Mrs. Fred remembered reading just the other day in the maper that very few people bought books at the real book stores now, because the large dry goods stores sold them so cheap, but she would just look at those umbrellas in the corner. She wished she had asked her husband what he thought so much of cousin Alice. Fred thought so much of cousin Alice on account of her devotion to Nellie when she had that fever that he would want ner to have something nice. It will be seen that all idea of concentrating her thoughts on Nellie, of working methodically, and getting one name off her list before she tackled another, had deserted Mrs. Fred, and she had set sall on a shoreless see of conjecture. some interposition between prostrate France and triumphent Germany. list before she tackled another, had deserted Mrs. Fred, and she had set sail on a shoreless sea of conjecture.

Recollecting, however, how time was flying, she hastened to inspect the neatly stacked and labelled umbrellas in their little circular stand on the counter. Those of a quality and price that suited her had very ordinary handles, and those with handsome handles were not otherwise desirable. She was discouraged. After all, wouldn't it be better to get cousin Alide a handsome cup and saucer, or a pretty picture? People were always giving old maids useful presents, as if their sphere in life lay entirely within the practical. She did not see what had possessed her to think of an umbrella for that present. Of course cousin Alice had an umbrella already; everybody had, there would be just as much sense in her giving her a waterproof or a petiticator something of that kind. And she had been so kind when Nellie had that spell of fever. A cup and saucer in a case or a handsome placque would be lovely for her. Why, to give her an umbrella would look just as if one thought she couldn't buy one, and as consin Alice was poor such an intimation would be in bad taste. Mrs. Fred decided to take the elevator again and look at the books.

That idea of the devotional book for Mother It is to be hoped, I repeat, that the United States may not have put themselves into the two Oriental antagonists at the solicitation of ome other Western power or powers. That the desire to bring pressure of some kind to bear upon the victorious Japanese, and to interfere with, and, if possible, arrest the full development of the obviously well-considered and deliberate policy with which Japan entered upon and is conducting this great contest, has had very much to do with the absolutely undisguised anxiety of the British Government and the British press to propitiate, I will not say to cajole, the new Czar since his accession to power, is absolutely certain. It is flat nonsense to talk of the culogies lavished upon the memory of Alexander III. by public men and the press in England as disinterested tributes to the character and the career of a sovereign who neither enjoyed nor cared to earn while he was living the onfidence and the homage of the British Government or the British people. Every public man in Great Britain who really knows anything of foreign affairs knows perfectly well that the dread of an alliance between Russia and France has clouded the whole outlook of Europe and the East in the eyes of British statesmen of both parties ever since official Russia octing under the direct inspiration of Alexander III., received the French fleet at Cronstadt with honors never before bestowed in Russia

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That idea of the devotional book for Mother Adams was the very thing; and then sometime Neilie could paint a little book mark for the old lady. That would blease her, and besides Mother Adams had intimated more than once that Neilie was being brought up with rather idle ways. Yes, a devotional book for Fred's mother, and what for his slate? Let's see.

Mrs. Fred was so absorbed in speculation that she failed to stop the elevator on its way up, and lost time in consequence: but then it wasn't really lost time. In what she should ecide positively, once for all, what she would be pinner ading. Well: cousin Alice and her mother and ling. Well: cousin Alice were not bought yet, but then it was easy enough to get them once one's mind was made up. She pulled out her list and jotted down her three decisions against the names.

When you are going live a present, Mrs. Fred said to herself, the first thing was to consult the tasts of the person to whom; was to be given. Fred's sider was inclined to be literary. Why wouldn't a paper knife do for her, or a pen, a pretty pen? Yes, it should be no hice pen, and now she remembered that Neilie had no nice pen, why not give Neilie a pen instead of the silk waist, and give Miss Adams some fine stationary? Neilie would like the sen better, and a silk waist, and give Miss Adams some fine stationary? Neilie would like the pen better, and a silk waist, and give Miss Adams some fine stationary? Neilie would like the pen better, and a silk waist, and give his adams some fine stationary? Neilie would like the pen better, and a silk waist, and give his adams some fine stationary? Neilie would like the pen better, and a silk waist, and silve his down the pen in the had no nice pen fine for his and his work to be consented the pen in the silk waist, upon any foreign squadron.

For years before that notable incident longneaded British statesmen reconciled themselves to the continued existence of the republican Government in France, partly because they believed that under such a government France is much less to be feared than she was under the empire or the monarchy, but mainly because they persuaded themselves that the autocratio Government of Russia would never seriously think of entering into a real alliance with republican France. When it was no longer possible for British statesmen to doubt that Alexander III. had practically secured the absolute adhesion of France to the interests and the policy of Russia, and had thereby put the Triple Alliance effectually under bonds to keep the peace alike toward Russia and toward France, they not unnaturally made up their minds that the Czar had become the real arbiter of the peace of the world; and therefore it is that now British stateamen of both parties, and the British press, are manifesting such eagerness to persuade successor of Alexander III. may be induced to listen favorably to propositions for securing the inevitable development of Russian interests in eastern Europe and in Asia, without impertiling such interests as Great Britain already posing impracticable any further expansion of her nterests. All the drum beating and psaim singing of the past three weeks over the tomb of Alexander III. and the nuptials of Nicholas II. "have this extent, no more," so far as British politics and British diplomacy are concerned! This is the conviction, I find, of all persons who are in a position to know what has really been going on in a practical way behind the funereal pomp and the matrimonial pageantry in which the British helr apparent and his son, the Duke of York, as near kinsmen by blood and marriage of the new Czar, have taken so prominent a part.

This is certainly the conviction brought back to Rome by the heir apparent of Italy and the accomplished Italians who were selected by King Humbert to accompany him to St. Petersset, a pen, and a copy of Browning.

The next day found her in the thick of it all again, and she had Tommy out with her in the afternoon to choose a present for his Sunday school teacher. When they were last soon a particular shade of violet note paper, which his mother thought was too deep, and which Tommy thought would do as well as not, seemed likely to involve them in difficulties. Tommy being evidently auxious to take anything and escape, and Mrs. Fred being equally auxious to get the worth of her money. What the Bents will get for thristmas or Mr. Fred's mather or tousin Alice is yet a matter of speculation, but Mrs. Fred believes that she will conquer in the and, and starts out each morning bright and fresh, though she conflict to her husband at night her opinion that it is a good thing Christmas comes only once a year, burg. I need hardly point out to you the po-litical significance of the fact that while the heir of Italy, though treated in Russia with the greatest possible distinction, was not pressed to delay his departure for two or three days in order to attend the wedding of Nicholas II. the French General and the French Admiral, who represented the French republic in Russia. were personally urged by the Czar to witness that ceremony, the Admiral in fact being for that purpose recalled by a telegram to St. Pe-tersburg after he had formally taken leave. The Government of Signor Crispi knows to-day that if Italy ever could have counted, in case of any serious trouble, upon the fulfilment by

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Great Britain of what is known as "Lord Salisbury's Anglo-Italian understanding." she can no longer count upon that fulfilment. The Government of Signor Crispi knows to-day that if Russia required England to accede to the passage from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean of the Russian squadrons, no opposition which Italy can offer will avail to restrain England from this concession; and as the Italians know that the effective cooperation of the Russian imperial navy with the navy of France must mean the irresistible preponderance of French interests in the Mediterranean, it is ob-French interests in the Mediterranean, it is opvious that for Italy the vital conditions alike of
her open alliance with Austria and with Germany, and of her private understanding with
Great Britain, will have undergone a most serious change from the day on which England surrenders her opposition to the abandonment by
Turkey of her pretensions, and accepts the inevitable advent of Russia as a naval power, from
the Black Sea into the waters of the Levant.

Perhaps, even probably, your readers may
have forgotten the visit paid some two years
ago by the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs.
M. de Giers, to the King of Italy at Monza. I
think I took oocasion at that time to say something through your columns as to the significance of that visit. This significance has now
been sharply revived, and as the French diplomatists say, "accentuated," for King Humbert
and the Italian Government, by the unexpected
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much more light upon the real attitude and intentions of the young Car, so far as Great Hritain is concerned, than all the lucubrations of British concerned, than all the lucubrations of British concerned, the lucubrations of St. Fetersburg and London, which do the cordial family relations between Micholas II. and the British kinsmen of his Danish mother. They understand these matters better at Herlin than at London, and the self-reliant attength of the German Government and of Germany as a great military power makes the expressions of German feeling and opinion more plain and direct, not to say more brutal, than any language in which even the well-informed organs of opinion at London, and at Roma, and at Ylenna, think it Judicious to indulgs.

An and shares the intense feelings of his Danish mother with regard to the policy and the attitude, toward Denmark and the Danes, of imperial Germany. Nor do they hesitate to show that they know this. Kaiser Wilhelm II. as you doubtless know, has spoken out his mind, after his own startling fashion, about what he plumply calls the "charistanism" of the English adulation of funsia; and the German press makes no secret of its conviction that the only real thing which underlies all the glowing and prosential the Car and the rade of London; as a disposition on the part of a small but powerful knot of London capitalists to arrange, if they possibly can, some practical understanding with the Russian Finance Minister, M. de Witte, which may enable those capitalists to arrange, if they possibly can, some practical understanding with the Russian Finance Minister, M. de Witte, which may enable those capitalists to arrange, if they possibly can, some practical understanding with the Russian Finance Minister, M. de Witte, which may enable those capitalists to arrange, if they possibly can, some practical understanding with expect like the season of the present Finance Minister does not pose to be such a magician at his predecessor. Vyschnegradaki, he is a very practical and capable

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